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Lieutenant Governor's Hoosier Hospitality Awards Recognize Service Excellence in Tourism

INDIANAPOLIS – Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman recognized outstanding contributions to the tourism industry during a ceremony Wednesday morning at the Indiana Statehouse. Seventeen people received a 2009 Lt. Governor's Hoosier Hospitality Award for their outstanding service in tourism-related jobs at hotels, restaurants and attractions. More than 257,000 jobs in Indiana are supported by the \$10 billion in visitor spending each year in Indiana.

"These award recipients are just a few of the many people who make positive contributions to Indiana's tourism industry every day," said Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman. "It's important to thank them for their hard work in making guests feel welcome during their stay in Indiana."

The 2009 Lt. Governor's Hoosier Hospitality Award recipients are:

Rita Adams
Lanthier Winery
Madison

Judy Duncan
Madison Trolley, Inc.
Madison

Craig Rieckers
Hampton Inn
Seymour

Lucinda Burton
Comfort Inn
Nashville

Bruce Green
Southern Indiana Visitor Center
Jeffersonville

Katie Schaefer
Shoreline Brewery & Restaurant
Michigan City

Camp Atterbury
Joint Maneuver Training Center
Edinburgh

James Robert McEwen
Tourism Volunteer
Jay County

Barbara Stoots
Wingate by Wyndham
Plainfield

Jill Collins
Fort Wayne Marriott
Fort Wayne

Shelby McGaughy
Hilton Garden Inn
Columbus

Joan Treesh-Reetz
Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum
Auburn

Judy & Ed Craig
Conner Prairie
Fishers

Margaret PeGan
The Huntington Theatre
Huntington

Sara Wilson
The Leavenworth Inn
Leavenworth

Dianne Debelak
Homespun Country Inn B&B
Nappanee

Judy Newburg
Indiana Historical Society
Indianapolis

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The Hoosier Hospitality Awards ceremony is part of Visit Indiana Week, May 9-17. Information on more than 250 Indiana travel discounts is now available at VisitIndiana.com.

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Lt. Governor Becky Skillman oversees the Indiana Office of Tourism Development. Amy Vaughan serves as the agency's Director.